

SEWER COMMISSION MINUTES

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Mrs. Briggs - The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 7:04 pm.

Roll Call - Mrs. Paul - In attendance was: Linda-Jean Briggs, Michael Connolly, Thomas McGee and Patricia Paul, Secretary. Mr. Tikoian and Mr. Nordstrom wasn't present.

GOOD & WELFARE

Mr. Keith Dulude who resides at 10 Glen Avenue states that resident's on Glen Avenue does not have sewer access. He has a (5) five unit building and wants to run 300 feet of line from his property to Merrimac Road. He is proposing to the town to give an easement through his property and install 300 feet of sewer line for future connection while his trench is dug. In exchange to that, he wants something on another issue from the town not related to sewer. He is asking if the town would want one or two pipes in his trench and wants to know who in the town would answer that question. He spoke with Manny Alvarez and Mr. Hencler and Mr. Alvarez suggested to speak with the Commission. He has been told by Giguere and Marchand who is doing the work for him that he may need separate pump and separate pipe.

Mr. Connolly asked if it was going to be a force main or a gravity flow?

Mr. Dulude stated it was going to be a force main and that will be pumping up from his property. It would go through the little park located behind the Police department. Giguere and Marchand will put in a adequate pump, to pump his five (5) units so space is not an issue.

Mrs. Briggs was under the impression that the entire area was already sewered and didn't see anything in the facility plan mentioned for that area.

Mr. Connolly stated that they can't make any comments until the commission gets an engineering assessment or from one of the towns consultants and feels that it is very early in the planning. Mr. Dulude is talking about multiple lines and trenches and forced mains. There may be other possibilities or different routes and ways to go with what is most optimum. He asked Mr. Dulude to find out what is feasible and what the capacity is of the line etc. He feels that Mr. Dulude should get a professional opinion on the project.

Mr. Alvarez arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Dulude wanted to get some initial feedback from the commission

regarding possibly putting a pump station and an adequate line to service the other five (5) houses and then give it all to the town.

Mr. Connolly stated that there are many excellent companies who offer everything. He suggests for Mr. Dulude to meet with a engineer who does this all of the time and who would have many ideas and options of the different ways that he could go that are technically possible and practical.

Mrs. Briggs stated that when she talked with Mr. Dulude a year ago it was strictly to go through the property and tie in. It will get bigger when other folks are involved. For the good of the community, she would welcome the idea to involve other folks but feels that just tying in more than Mr. Dulude is preliminary.

Mr. Dulude stated that he may ask Mr. Hencler for his opinion but unsure if it would be a conflict of interest.

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Mrs. Briggs stated that the facility plan is in the process of being updated and the property area mentioned is not included in the facility plan right now on their project list.

Mr. Dulude stated he will do more research.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Briggs -Approval of Sewer Commission for April 12, 2006 minutes. Are there any corrections, additions, and deletions?

MOTION made by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on an aye vote to accept and approve the April 12, 2006 minutes.

Mrs. Briggs – The ayes have it. Motion carried 3-0 on an aye vote.

Mr. McGee wanted to know who F.R. Mahoney was who was mentioned in April's minutes regarding Mr. Sayles situation?

Mr. Alvarez stated that they are called E-1's, which represents the grinder pumps. When he ordered them he spoke to the representative and he basically received the procedure of what they expect when a pump goes in. In order for the warranty to remain in affect from the day it's installed the company will back the pump. A representative of their company who is F.R. Mahoney needs to be on-site for the start-up. The testing during the installation, high level, power failure would need to be checked to see if it was leaking for the above ground installation. In last months meeting, regarding Mr. Sayles situation, his pump was located in his basement. The procedure also pertains to the in-ground outside installations. That individual is suppose to call them when the pump is ready to be

started. They would send an E-1 factory representative. In this particular case, F.R. Mahoney represented them to be there for the on-site start-up. They are suppose to be there to see if it is working properly. The town can be there, but the town cannot check it off for the manufacturer.

Mrs. Briggs stated that it is not the town's responsibility for making sure that the customer warranty is up to date and maintained. That comes from the plumber or contractor that the customer hires who installs the pump. The town's responsibility ends when the pump is dropped off.

Mr. Alvarez's response was that was correct. The paperwork that is given to the homeowner/customer that they are suppose to sign is a contract saying that they are suppose to contact a maintenance company person for the warranty of the pump. He located an old piece of paper stating that the contract between the homeowner and the E-1 representative and they both are suppose to sign it and they would contact a maintenance person to have the maintenance done on it.

Mr. McGee asked who would give that to the homeowner?

Mr. Alvarez's response was that the town is suppose to get it.

2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Alvarez – April's Report

He met with Mr. Hencler and walked the industrial park area for a possible wastewater pump station that is being considered in the new facility plan. Mr. Fernando Tavares of Liz Development LLC again contacted the town and stated that he went out there with a sewer company and cleaned the line again. Mr. Tavares sent a letter and had a discussion with the Town Administrator about some work in the invert that had

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to be done and wasn't done yet. He told the Administrator that he would put some money in an escrow account to have that work done incase he doesn't do it. Then the town would have to hire a contractor to do it. "Refer to the copy of the letter dated April 28, 2006" from Mr. Fernando Tavares that Mr. Alvarez had provided stating that "Mr. Tavares that the sewer line in Phase I has been completely cleaned per the direction of the North Smithfield Sewer Department. Per the agreement between LIZ Development and the Town of North Smithfield, he will provide a check for \$1,000 to be held upon completion of the brick repair work that needs to be done inside the manhole at the bottom of Briden Street. The Town of North Smithfield agrees to release the bond and return the \$1,000 check upon completion of the mentioned work above." It was cc to: Mr. Alvarez, Mr. Hencler and Mr. Phillips.

There were two sewers that were tied in. They were for 23 Kirby Lane and 162 Old Great Road.

3 MR. SAYLES – OLD FIELD ROAD DISTRICT

Mrs. Briggs stated that there wasn't any action taken last month and Mr. Sayles wasn't present at the meeting.

4 FACILITY PLAN REVIEW

Mrs. Briggs stated that Geremia began with the backside of the facility plan first. They provided the commission with up to date costs with the different areas. She referred to the letter from Geremia to Jay Manning who is the DEM representative that the commission is dealing with. Geremia is asking that all of the areas be placed on the project priority list. In order to be acted on, they must be on the priority list. She had asked that the Greenville Road area be included due to the new middle school being built. It is currently on well and septic and would begin to explore what it would take to get the lines down there. That is something new that has been added to the facility plan update. She asked all members to review it and see where the priorities should be. She also suggested scheduling a joint meeting with the town council at some point in the future. But she won't schedule anything until it's discussed with commission members first. She is possibly looking at \$36,000,000 plus another \$5,000,000 for Greenville Road totaling \$41,000,000. She also suggest that they are not looking to bond that large amount but to look at the high problem areas and to look at the economic development areas.

5. NORTH SMITHFIELD INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mrs. Briggs has had a couple of meetings with some people who are looking to develop in the industrial park. They are willing to do their own thing. In some cases they are looking to see what is best for the town and what is best for the industrial park as a whole.

6. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Briggs received a letter from Richard Hencler who attended the meeting with herself, Mr. Alvarez that has to do with the industrial park pumping station specifically the old Homestead Gardens property. They can connect via private property but they will need to put in a pumping station to do that. Her suggestion to them was that they had to put in a pumping station in anyway, maybe they can bring the pumping station in front of the property and go down the side of the Industrial Park road. And then it can be brought all the way down. Mr. Alvarez asked the engineer, Mr. Hencler what the cost of the pumping station was going to be. Mr. Hencler said that the company who supplied the Rockcliff Farm pumping station is similar to what would need to be on that property to service the entire industrial park. The letter went to Jason Crozier who is their representative on the Homestead Gardens property.

Mrs. Briggs read the letter to Jason Crozier from Geremia & Associates: "In accordance with the meeting with the Town of North Smithfield on May 4, 2006, I contacted Boydco which is a company

that supplied Rockcliff Farm pump station in which is similar to the proposed North Smithfield Industrial Park pump station. Boydco Inc. states the cost of the station is approximately \$250,000.00 and does not include installation and site work.

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The length of the force main from the pump station to the existing gravity sewer is approximately 2,900 feet for estimating purpose assume a 6 inch duct tile iron force main with two clean out manholes". Signed by Richard Hencler, Geremia & Associates.

Geremia sent a letter to the Administrator in regards to signing the contract so the bid can go out to get the SRF loan.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on an aye 3-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Patricia A. Paul

Sewer Commission Secretary